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SUBJECT: PSOE MOTION OPOPOSING KING'S ARGENTINA TRIP IS
DEFEATED

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1. AS REQUESTED BB THE SOCIALISTS (PSOE), THE CONGRESS
OF DEPUTIES' PERMANENT COMMISSIIN MET AUG. 28 TO DISCUSS
THE KING'S PLANNED VISIT TO ARGENTINA IN NOVEMBER (AS
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PART OF A LATIN AMERICAN SWING THAT WILL ALSO INCLUDE
MEXICO AND PERU). AFTER ALL SIDES OF THE ISSUE WERE
AIRED-- THE DEBATE WAS ALONG THE LINES REPORTED
REFTEL -- THE COMMISSION DEFEATED A PSOE MOTION CALLING
FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE ARGENTINA VISIT "UNTIL
CIRCUMSTANCES COUNSEL ITS REALIZATION." 36 OF THE PERMA-
EENT COMMISSION" 37 MEMBERS ATTENDED THE SESSION; THE

VOTE WAS 20 OPPOSED (UCD AND AP) TO 16 IN FAVOR (PSOE, PCE, MIXED GROUP AND CATALAN MINORITY). THE BASQUE PNV, WHICH IS MOURNING THE DEATH OF PARTY LEADER JUAN AJURIAGUERRA, WAS NOT REPRESENTED.

2. COMMENT: THE PREDICTABLE OUTCOME OF THE COMMISSION'S VOTE APPEARS FIRMLY TO ESTABLISH BUENOS AIRES AS THE THIRD LEG OF THE KING'S NOVEMBER TRIP. THE ONLY SURPRISE WAS THE CATALAN MINORITY'S THROWING IN WITH THOSE OPPOSING THE TRIP, SINCE THE CATALANS USUALLY HAVE SUPPORTED THE GOV WITH FEW QUESTIONS ASKED, ON ISSUES NOT RELATED DIRECTLY TO THE CATALAN REGION. THIS APPEARS TO CONFIRM THAT THE PUTATIVE UCD-CATALAN MINORITY POST-CONSTITUTION PARTNERSHIP IS FAR FROM SETTLED. TODMAN

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